

Mr. Kemble called up House bill No. 411, making an appropriation for C. R. Gibson, upon which the following veto message was submitted :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS,)
AUSTIN, May 8, 1873. }

SIR: I am compelled to return to the House of Representatives, where it originated, the act entitled, "An act making an appropriation for C. R. Gibson," because it appears that it is intended to pay several claims or pretended claims of this person against the State of Texas, based upon altogether different grounds. It thus conflicts with that provision of the Constitution, article twelve, section seventeen, which declares that "every law enacted by the Legislature shall embrace but one object, and that shall be expressed in its title."

On examination of the grounds or items making up this claim, I am inclined to believe that the party has no claim against the State for any of them. He certainly has not for the principal item, which seems to be for transcribing certain records in his county, which records there was no law requiring him to transcribe, and for which, even if transcribed, he has no just claim against the State.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.

HON. M. D. K. TAYLOR, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

Mr. Smith of Colorado moved to refer the bill and message to a special committee of three, with instructions to report Friday, May 24, during the morning session.

Mr. Green moved to lay that motion on the table. The House refused to table.

The motion to refer then carried, and the Speaker appointed the following gentlemen the committee called for

by the motion: Messrs. Smith of Colorado, chairman, Kemble and Sayers.